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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 7-12 and add the following new claims.

- 13. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein X_1 and X_2 are halogen.
- 14. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 12, wherein X_1 and X_2 are chlorine.
- 15. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein M is H or an alkaline metal.
- 16. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 14, wherein M is sodium.
- 17. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are H.
- 18. A dyestuff as claimed in claim 1, wherein $a = b = 2$ with $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ or $x = 1$ and $y =$